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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$3,168,062.50
RESERVE FUND 5,482,127.00
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$8,168,062.50

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—
CHAIRMAN—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
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Hon. J. J. KESWICK.

ACTING CHIEF MANAGER,
HONGKONG—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.

MANAGER,
SHANGHAI—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of BANKING and EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1891.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong, Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 1; SATURDAYS, 10 to 12.

2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, OR MORE THAN \$250 at one time will not be received.

No Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100, or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2 per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.

5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1891.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £60,000.

LONDON: Head Office—40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office—25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards Bills for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " ACCORDING

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT, ACCOUNTS 3 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager. [15]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL 2,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 1,250,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK Chairman Managing Directors.
Hon. C. P. CHATER Vice-Chairman.

LEE SING, Esq.
S. C. MICHAELSON, Esq.
J. S. MOSES, Esq.
G. E. NOBLE, Esq.

POON PONG, Esq.
D. R. SASSOON, Esq.

HANKINS.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land, and Buildings.
Properties purchased and sold.
Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to land, etc., conducted.

Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Offices, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Victoria Building, 1891.

Intimations.

HONGKONG RACES!!

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE A FINE SELECTION OF

RACING SADDLES.

CLOTHS, WEIGHT CLOTHS, STIRRUP WEBBS, BRIDLES, SPURS, GIRTHS, &c., &c.

JOCKEY WHIPS.

SADDLERS' SUNDRYS and STABLE REQUISITES of all kinds.

RACING COLOURS, RACING SCARFS, and FAVOURS.

NEW FELT HATS.

RIDING BOOTS, JOCKEY BOOTS, and RACING TOPS.

HARNESS, DRIVING WHIPS, CARRIAGE RUGS, DRIVING GLOVES.

[LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.]

Hongkong, 11th February, 1891.

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

The Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at noon, TO-MORROW and SATURDAY, the 20th and 21st instant.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA,
JOHN THORBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED,

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

For the COMPTOIR NATIONAL-DÉÉCOMPTÉ
DE PARIS,
L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1891. [139]

HONGKONG RACE MEETING, 1891.

TIFFIN will be served in the Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Tiffin Room on the Course after the third Race TO-MORROW and SATURDAY, the 20th and 21st instant.

TERMS CASH.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1891. [129]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the enclosure of the Race Course during the Race days without tickets, which can be had on application to the Undersigned.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [126]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Grand Stand and Enclosure, during the Races on the 20th, and 21st instant.

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**DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
L I M I T E D ,
DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.**
Sole Agents for Hongkong and China,
FOR
"LEMOINE" NATURAL CHAMPAGNE,
(Without Liqueur)
AWARDED PRIZE MEDAL PARIS, 1889.

THE Special Features of this Pure Champagne are—
1st.—Its entire freedom from the usual sugar-candy, etc., consequently it is fresher, cleaner, and more wholesome than the *Liqueured* champagnes.

2nd.—Its Delicacy, due to the first pressings only of the grapes used; the later pressings make the wine rough and coarse, and necessitate the use of liqueur.

3rd.—Its Natural Dryness, which is not aggressive, making it more appealing than satisfying.

4th.—No liqueur being added, the process of re-corking is very rapidly effected, so avoiding the large loss of carbonic acid gas—the most valuable property of Champagnes.

Champagne should always be drunk cold; but to half freeze a light, delicate wine by putting it into an ice-pail for the best part of an hour, is to destroy all its fine vinous properties.

In former years, when heavily liqueured Champagnes were alone obtainable, good freezing was necessary to hide the nauseous sweetness of a ten per cent. dose of sugar-candy and alcohol; but consumers now demand a wine free from unnatural sweetness or alcohol—a sparkling vintage which can be taken freely at luncheon or dinner, and which will improve, rather than destroy, the appetite.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1891. [37]

BY APPOINTMENT.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

**MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS.**

Our New Factory has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English Makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

**LARGE BOMBAY
"SODAS"**

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, free of Extra Charge, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS,
whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

FOR COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is,
"DISPENSARY, HONG KONG,"
And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATERS

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SELTZER WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

GINGER ALE

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of Containing Aerated Water, as such bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

Hongkong, China, and Manila. [5]

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1891.

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE
MEETING, 1891.**

Stewards:—H.E. Sir G. Willans des Voeux, K.C.M.G.; H.E. Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, V.C.; H.E. Major-General Digby Barker, C.B.; Commodore Church, R.N.; Colonel Storer, R.E.; Colonial Chater, 91st Regt.; The Hon. F. Ryrie; The Hon. J. J. Keswick; The Hon. C. P. Chater; G. S. Conr. Esq.; W. H. Forbes, Esq.; J. Grant, Esq.; R. E. Gray, Esq.; M. Grose, Esq.; H. Hoppsius, Esq.; E. L. Woodin, Esq.; E. W. Rutter, Esq.; Hon. Treasurer; E. H. Gore-Booth, Esq.; Clerk of the Course.

First DAY.—THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY.

The WONG-NIU-CHONG STAKES, for China Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$5; with \$100 added. Half-a-mile.

Mr. John Peel's b. Opposition, 1st. 12lb.... Mr. Hough 3.

Mr. S. M. b. Waldo, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 2.

Mr. Lasson's r. Unicorn, 1st. 12lb.... Mr. Hutchings 3.

Mr. Fraser-Smith's gr. Chaser, 1st. 12lb.... Mr. Maclean 0.

Opposition, with about three lengths the best of the start, was never galloped and won by a length and a half in 59½ secs.

The ASHLEY CUP, presented by D. R. Sassoon, Esq., for China Ponies; entrance \$5; weight for inches. One mile.

Mr. Boyd's d. Duncraggan, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Boyd 1.

Mr. Chantrey's wh. Autocrat, 1st. 12lb.... Mr. Master 2.

Mr. John Peel's ch. Merry Christmas, 1st. 7lb.... Mr. Hough 3.

Mr. Buxley's b. Skipjack, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell 0.

Mr. Sebott's br. Coquette, 1st. 12lb.... Mr. Hart Buck 0.

Mr. Sid's d. Susewind, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 0.

Mr. Green 0.

Won cleverly by half a length, with Merry Christmas a good third. Mr. Boyd's victory was deservedly popular and the rider had a most flattering reception on returning to scale. The times were—30s, 51, 13s, 50s, and min. 8secs.

The HONGKONG DRESS, Sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries, with \$100 added for 1st pony, and \$50 for 2nd; and for all China Ponies \$100. Mr. Griffins at date of entry (Saturday, 17th January, 1891); 1st pony, 10 per cent; second, 10 per cent; third, 10 per cent; weight 100s, One-mile-and-a-half.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Ardent Mr. Master 1.

Mr. Buxley's gr. Royalty Mr. Pond 2.

Mr. Buxley's gr. Reciprocation Mr. Reynell 3.

Vampire, Crown Diamond, Chimera, Starlight, Flight, Merry Thought, Gallant, and Astralis also ran.

Won in a canter; a good race for second place. Times—31, 62s, 1, 34s, 2, 23s, and 31s.

The FOOCHOW CUP, value \$200, presented by the Foochow community, for China ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$5. Two miles.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Vagrant, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 1.

Mr. Buxley's gr. Arabic, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 2.

Mr. Nantai's gr. Blue-Ruin, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Master 3.

Senator, Leap Year, Llygodan, Haphazard, and Cobweb also ran.

Won, after a good race, in 4 min. 26secs.

The VALLEY STAKES, Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$100 added, for subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91; only 1 weight for inches. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Blue Bonnet, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 1.

Mr. Darlin's Mercury, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 2.

Mr. Buxley's gr. Sliding Scale, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Pond 3.

There were a dozen runners, and the times were—31, 62s and 31. 56. Blue Bonnet won with comparative ease.

The LUSITANO CUP, presented by the Members of the Club Lusitano, for China Ponies; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 1st, pony, extra; allowed 12lb.; entrance \$10; second Pony to receive half the 25th inst.

A "SEND OFF" benefit to Mr. Charles Harding the popular tenor of the My Sweetheart Company, is billed for Monday next. Several lady and gentleman amateurs are going to take part in the "show," which is to come off in the Theatre Royal.

LONDON is supposed to be the centre of the world's highest civilisation, and yet you may read this discouraging item: In London town one woman in every twenty is a pauper, one in every thirteen is illiterate, and one in every sixty is a gin drinker.

The CANTON CUP, for China Ponies, *bond fide* Griffins at date of entry (17th January, 1891); weight for inches; winners at this meeting 12lb. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Hilarity, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 1.

Mr. Awai's gr. Phoenix, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Buxley 2.

Mr. Fraser-Smith's gr. Chreasont, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Collingwood 3.

A walk-over. The noble sporting owners of Hongkong didn't think the Canton Cup worth racing for. The times were—32s, 64, 1, 39, and 2.12s.

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP, presented for China Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$15; second Pony to receive 50 per cent; weight for inches; winners at this meeting 12lb. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Vagrant, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 1.

Mr. Chantrey's gr. Autocrat, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Master 2.

Mr. Sid's d. Susewind, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 3.

Mr. Twain's b. Ascold, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Collingwood 0.

Won in clever style, with Susewind on Autocrat's quarters in—10s, 62s, 1, 34s, 2, 20s, 2, 41s and 3.16. This performance makes Vagrant a fair-class pony, and he will be dangerous both in which ensued at midday near the Canton wharf.

THE COMPRADEOS' CUP, for all subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91; only 1 weight for inches; winner of Valley Stakes, 5lb. extra; entrance \$5; Second Pony to receive half the entrance money. One mile.

Mr. Quinton's wh. Romance, 1st. 12lb. McGreen 1.

Major Hannay's gr. Jujube, 1st. 12lb. Owner 2.

Mr. Jay's gr. Renner, 1st. 12lb. Mr. Collingwood 3.

There were a dozen starters; Romance won in a canter, and he has an A chance for the German Cup. The time 2 min. 12s secs., is just about good enough.

TO-MORROW'S RESULTS.

THE Chinese constable, No. 452, was again before Mr. Wise this morning on the charge of stealing money from the master of a cargo boat in a gambling den. Inspector Hennessy said the accused had been several times reported and fined for various offences. The magistrate sentenced the prisoner to one month's hard labour.

ANOTHER highway robber was sentenced to six months' imprisonment to-day. The accused attacked a Chinaman with a knife on the 29th ult., and robbed him of fifty-four cents, severely cutting the complainant's hand in the struggle.

WE are requested by the hon. Secretary of the Athletic Club to remind intending competitors at the forthcoming Sports that no entries can be received after Saturday the 21st instant. We hear that Lady de la Vieux has consented to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors.

ANOTHER highway robber was sentenced to six months' imprisonment to-day. The accused attacked a Chinaman with a knife on the 29th ult., and robbed him of fifty-four cents, severely cutting the complainant's hand in the struggle.

It is stated that since the Paris Municipal Council dismissed the Sisters of Charity from the city hospitals they have been replaced by nurses who cost 70c. instead of 20c., and are generally "servants who cannot get places elsewhere." The spirit of sacrifice and devotion has all but gone.

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"GENERAL" BOOTH of Salvation Army fame was once a Methodist minister, and as an evangelist he was wonderfully successful. But he thought the Methodists were not sufficiently progressive for him, so he drew off from that denomination and started the Salvation Army. The "General" is certainly a notable success, and one of the most prominent men of the age.

UNBELIEVERS in vaccination for small-pox should consider the statement just made by the French Academy of Medicine by Dr. Brocard. While Germany loses only one hundred and ten persons per annum from small-pox, France actually loses 14,000, to be accounted for in the rigid way in which vaccination is enforced in Germany, and by the carelessness of the Frenchmen.

WE are informed by the agents of the Nippon Yawatai Kai (Messrs. G. R. Stevens & Co.) that they have received a telegram from the Head Office of the Japanese National Life in Tokyo to-day, to the effect that their Yokohama-Shanghai liner *Toku Maru*, which was recently stranded near Yokosuka, has been floated off the shoals on which she grounded and is now in dock undergoing repairs. She is not, we are glad to learn, very seriously damaged.

THE Professional Cup is a soft thing for Home Guard, if he is specially kept for this event; but otherwise, Susewind must win easily.

With a strong rider up, the Parrot Cup is a certainty for Starlight—and don't you forget it.

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The Jockey Cup is a medley, and I shall not be a whit surprised if either Laufer or Mac Siccar, two of last year's "subs," should furnish the winner.

The Flyaway Stakes may bring a large field to the post; but if I couple Walde with Chaser I shall be very near the winner.

The Braker's Cup looks a moral certainty for Home Guard, as Zephyr will not care to meet the plucky little grey carrying a 7lb. penalty. Chaser has been withdrawn to give Home Guard half a chance in this event.

The Welter Plate is a mystery even now. There are half a dozen certificates in the list—but will they all run? Crown Diamond, Merry Christmas, Saltpetre, Blue Ruin, Eckanter, and Starlight, Flight, Merry Thought, Gallant, and Astralis also ran.

Won in a canter; a good race for second place. Times—31, 62s, 1, 34s, 2, 23s and 31s.

An OLD SPORTSMAN.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

LONDON, February 17th.

Mr. John Morley, supported by Mr. Gladstone, proposed a vote of censure on the Government for its administration of Ireland. The debate is proceeding.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CHANG, the famous Chinese giant, has become a naturalized British subject and an earnest religious worker. He is a "high" churchman naturally.

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Count Slickinger, though not connected with any reigning house, would not be regarded as an impossible selection, for the Czar is willing to take any tool that he can handle for Russia's ends. On the other hand, it is not probable that the Count had any intention either as a nobleman or a prince of marrying the daughter of a plebeian wife. Thus the case stands, while the aristocracy of Europe is shocked by the revelations, and hopeful that the Count will be able to prove his innocence.

Three noblemen died this week. The Duke of Bedford was the richest man in the peerage except the Duke of Westminster. A dozen years ago he repaid to the Queen of Holland, who bluntly asked him what his annual income was, that he confessed to £1,000,000. His property has greatly increased since that date. His income was chiefly derived from the Bedford estates in West Central London, the plumb of the whole being Covent-garden market. Under the old system the Duke of Bedford levied tolls on every cart within a quarter of a mile of the market and one may almost say, on every flower or parcel of fruit sold within the market building. Although he got £20,000 annually from this source, it was only by the constant gibing of *Punch* that he would improve what that comic journal always called the "Mud-salad market." He was a resiling, eccentric, reserved man, with no brilliancy like his brother, Lord Arthur, or his other brother, Lord Odo Russell, better known by the name of Amphill. Lord Tavistock, the Duke's son, who succeeds him, is not a man of many parts.

The Duke of Somerset, who died this week, was an old bachelor, and many years ago was in the army. He was unknown to the present generation and was hardly ever seen, except when toddling to his chair for a game of whist. The Earl of St. Maur, who succeeds him, was once an amateur whip, driving the London and Oxford private coach. Of late years he has kept a horse bar at Plymouth, letting out teams to officers of the garrison and instructing them how to drive.

The Earl of Devon, whose death was announced to-day, has left no reputation, except that of having ruined his father, who was one of the most worthy and honorable men in the British peerage.

The latest advices from Buenos Ayres are of a more peaceful character. The rebels who assembled in the province of Estre Rios have been disarmed, and a new Governor has been appointed and is already acting energetically. The alarm is rapidly subsiding.

The late Commander Frederick Pearson, United States Navy, is the subject of an eulogistic article in the *Whitfield Review*. He is referred to as "the only American who ever received the Order of the Bath." He was thus decorated on account of the gallant part he played during the attack by the English fleet on the Japanese fort in the Straits of Shimonoseki in 1864.

PARIS, January 17th.

In the Deputies to-day M. Lauri, in an interpellation, complained of the drain of gold to England. He asserted that it had simply been transferred to Germany. The Rothschilds should not be allowed to rule, and the Bank of France should retain a sufficient amount of gold for the requirements of war and commerce.

Rouvier, in reply, said that even after the loan to the Barings, the gold held by the Bank of France amounted to \$224,000,000 as against \$270,000,000 in 1888. Had not the bank lent \$15,000,000, the Bank of England would have been compelled to raise the rate of exchange and French commerce would have suffered a counter-blow from the Baring crisis. The operation, Rouvier declared, was perfectly legal and probable, and afforded proof of the financial strength of France. He added that he accepted the entire responsibility for the loan.

Lauri moved that Rouvier's explanation was inadequate, but the motion was rejected by a vote of 428 to 29.

Monchicourt, liquidator of the Panama Canal Company, in an interview in regard to the proposal that the United States Government guarantee the interest on the Nicaragua Canal Company's bonds said, that the Panama canal would be finished before the Nicaragua canal was completed. He added, "I once hoped that the United States Government would assist in the work of completing the Panama canal, but am sorry to say without effect. There is no possible doubt that the Government of the United States and the Government of France ought to promptly assume charge of the Panama canal and make necessary arrangements to complete the work."

Despite denials it is positively known that Blaine recently made overtures to the Canadian Government with a view of establishing closer trade relations between the two countries. A Cabinet Minister said he was not in a position to divulge the condition of affairs. He had hopes, however, that the matters at issue between the two countries would be amicably settled.

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MADRID, January 17th.

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NOW YORK, January 17th.

The *Mail and Express* special says: The latest advices from Chile say the fleet has on board the leaders of the Cortes, and if it seizes the customs at Arapaca it will render the Balmaceda Government bankrupt and finally powerless. This would compel Balmaceda to resign, unless the army should be unanimous in its support. In which case Balmaceda might be able to hold his own.

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It's not much use me going over the cricket again, and I have no apologies to make, but I will say this—that if the three matches were played over again on a ground now to all the teams we should win more than one. We were weak in batting, of course. A dashling bat of such a class as Whitting or Block would have made all the difference to us, though we had good bowling to face. For, the Perak man, is about the best bowler we have ever played against—overhand medium pace, and breaks both ways; but McKenzie, the Raffles boy, though he got wickets, was not in the same class. Hongkong had no bowlers of great excellence, Barth and Lawson could trundle. They had a splendid batting team though, List Blair and Capita Dean both being magnificent bats. We ought to have sent a stronger team down because, of course, we have the men. If we had sent down the Australians we ought to have won all the matches, the ground to the contrary notwithstanding. Of course, it seems mean to say so, but it's a fact nevertheless—we had cruel luck right through. Vandervoor played on twice after playing the ball fairly and squarely, and once or twice decisions went against us; but all the same we enjoyed lots of good cricket and everything passed off pleasantly bar the as-hailing incident. The empire was a sergeant of the regiment, and he bailed all the first ever of Christofel's."

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THE benefit performance tendered by our local amateur talent to Mr. Frank Fletcher at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night (12th inst.) proved anything but the great success it might have been and which the occasion merited. The beneficiary, as stated in these columns last evening, is a good all-round man and, it is beyond doubt, that he has very considerably assisted in making the recent performances of "The Gondoliers" as successful as they have been, and on that account, if for no other reason, I think he had a right to expect far more support from the members of the Choral Society and the play-going public than was vouchsafed. The Hongkong public is always willing to be amused (as cheaply as possible), but it is what is known as an uncertain quantity; and although it will at times rise to scores and hundreds, to bid farewell to an Admiral who laughed in his sleeve at the folly, or to a royal Duke whose only claim to distinction was the fact, over which he had no control, of his having been born to the purple, and make itself subservient to the high and mighty who condescendingly patronise and appreciate tuft-hunters of the most abject type, it will not, at least it is always slow to recognise the actions of ordinary and less favoured mortals who render services that are worthy of some substantial recognition. The Theatre Royal last night was only about half filled and there was a palpable lack of enthusiasm displayed throughout the entertainment, which consisted of a tragic operetta, "Artaxomous ya Great;" the well-known comic drama, "Nan;" and a mysterious melodrama entitled "Carrotina."

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The Reverend Father Benelli, of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, who doubtless has read about a Nasarene known as Jesus Christ, being in hospital, the first charge against the hapless Chinese coolie was not proceeded with, the magistrate contenting himself with decreeing that the accused might be allowed his liberty if \$15 were put up as security for his appearance in the course of eight-and-forty hours. The second charge was then dealt with. The defendant admitted being without a license and was fined \$2, with the alternative of 10 days' hard labour. He went "inside." There are great numbers of wealthy Chinese philanthropists in Hongkong who profess to take a fatherly interest in the welfare of their less fortunate fellow-countrymen. Here is a golden opportunity for them. Let them at once obtain the release of the coolie and induce Dr. Ho Kai to appear for him at the Magistracy when the attempt is made, by a priest, a follower of saintly St. Peter, to make a god-blind of a man whose crime appears to have been either want of sufficient strength or skill to prevent his ricksha, with the portly form of Padre Benelli, inside, from taking charge and running away with him.

"What was the reason of his refusing to be interviewed?" asked the Editor. "Is he travelling incognito?"

The "Man in the Ditch" silently pondered for a minute and then replied: "No, not that I'm aware. I found him travelling down to the Kowloon coast in Kennedy's new boat."

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice, and a Special Jury.)

February 13th.

KWOK TOK v. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

This was an action by the plaintiff to recover damages for the wrongful detention, on two occasions, of the steamer *Pasig*.

Mr. E. Robinson, instructed by Messrs. Caldwell and Wilkins, was for the plaintiff, and the Attorney-General (Mr. W. M. Goodman) appeared in person. Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Messrs. Weston and Deacon, watched the case on behalf of the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company.

The special jurors were—Messrs. S.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1891.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on the 16th inst. There were present—His Excellency the Governor, Sir G. William de Vaux, K.C.M.G., Mr. F. Fleming, C.M.G., (Colonial Secretary); Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer); Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Régisseur-General); Mr. W. M. Dean, C.M.G., (Captain Superintendent of Police); Mr. S. Brown (Surveyor-General); Messrs. C. P. Chater, T. H. Whitehead, Ho Kai, and J. J. Kewick, (unofficial members), and Mr. A. M. Thomson, Acting Clerk of Councils.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES AGREED TO.

The sum of \$300 as an allowance in lieu of quarters of six teachers of the Government schools, and \$240 as allowance to the Steward of the Civil Hospital for collecting hospital bills, at the rate of \$20 per month during the current year, were passed.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER'S SEAT.

Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes who was appointed Colonial Treasurer on the 1st ultimo took the usual oath and his seat in the Council.

NEW FINANCE MINUTES.

The following minutes were laid on the table of the House and formally referred to the Finance Committee.—

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of—

(a) One hundred Dollars, (\$100), being increased salaries of two Cadets, Messrs. Thomson and Brewin, from 1st November to 31st December, 1890, at the rate of \$25 per month, sanctioned by the Secretary of State.

(b) Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty-six Cents, (\$66.6), being a portion of the amount required to purchase Private Hardwick's discharge from the Army Medical Corps, and join the Colonial Service as Junior Wardmaster in the Civil Hospital.

(c) Two hundred and Nine Dollars, (\$209), for general overhaul and repairs to Health Officer's Steam-launch *Blanche*, and providing a launch while the repairs are being executed.

(d) Of One thousand and two hundred Dollars, (\$1,000), for commission to other countries on Postal Notes and Money Orders.

In former years all the payments for commissions used to be deducted from the amount of commission received, and the balance only paid into the Treasury as Revenue, and all payments for commission to be treated as Post Office expenditure.

(e) One hundred and sixty dollars, (\$160), as a compassionate allowance to Mrs. Rosario, in consideration of the service of the late Mr. Henri Gustave, alias Henrique do Rosario, 4th Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office.

RE-VOTE.

HIS Excellency recommended the Council to re-vote a sum of two thousand dollars, (\$2,000), being the balance on account of work done for the improvement of the piece of land known as the "Chinese Recreation Ground."

Amount voted in 1889, \$6,000.00

Do. paid in 1890, 4,000.00

PUBLIC LATRINES.

By-laws for the regulation of public latrines which were drawn up by the Sanitary Board recently were approved, upon the motion of the Governor, seconded by Mr. W. M. Dean.

NATURALIZATION.

A Bill entitled an Ordinance for the naturalization of Edward Jean Max Paquita was read a second time without opposition.

THE 1891 JURY LIST.

The Council then formed itself into Committees to consider, in private, the Jury List for 1891. The members of the Press therefore withdrew at this juncture.

THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Marina Company Limited, convened for the purpose of confirming certain special resolutions passed at a meeting held on the 29th January, was held at the Hongkong Hotel on the afternoon of the 16th inst. Mr. St. John H. Hancock, presided, and amongst those present were:—Messrs. A. E. Skeels, H. Harms, R. Fraser-Smith, A. B. Rydyk D. M. de Gracy, C. D. Wilkinson (Solicitor to the Company), J. M. Daver, A. M. de Silva, C. A. Orzio, C. Xavier, S. A. Rahman, five Chinese shareholders and D. da Roza, Acting Secretary, vice J. A. Barroto, absent.

The Chairman said—it will be in the recollection of those present that a meeting was called and held on the 29th January at which a resolution was passed authorizing the Directors to issue debentures and accept an offer for the charter of the Company's vessel, but as some of the circumstances may have escaped your memory it may be convenient for me briefly to recapitulate the facts. At the extraordinary general meeting held on the 29th January the Directors were authorized to issue debentures to meet the Company's liabilities and to accept a certain proposal made to charter the Company's Floating Hotel. The Company was started with a capital of \$75,000, of \$65,800 was subscribed by 450 shareholders; 3,004 shares have been forfeited, on which there is still due \$8,633. The shares are still on the books 600 shares not fully paid up the indebtedness on which is \$1,276; these shares have not been forfeited, on promise of payment by the holders, and the amount due is assured, and I believe will be paid. Judgments have been obtained against the defaulting creditors for a large portion of the \$8,633, but for various reasons these cannot be enforced. The number of registered shareholders at present is 212, holding 10,080 shares and representing a capital of \$49,200. The liabilities of the Company at present are: Amount collected on 10,000 shares, \$49,200; sundry outstanding creditors, about \$15,000; total, \$64,200; which I may point out is \$6,600 less than the subscribed capital, and had all calls been paid the Company would now be in comparatively easy circumstances. The estimated cost of the Hotel and furniture as per prospectus was \$10,000; while the actual cost of the Hotel and furniture (material and labour only) has been about \$16,000; or \$3,000 less than the estimate. The last meeting authorized the Directors to accept an offer to charter the vessel, without the launch, and part of the furniture, for Canton for a term of two years, terminable by either party at the end of first three months, at a rental of \$10 per month. Three months' rent were to be paid each quarter in advance, and a sum of money deposited equal to the value of moveable furniture left on the vessel; the charterers to pay all expenses but insurance. This offer, although made at the time in good faith, cannot be said now to be a firm offer, owing to the delay in accepting it, but there is reason to believe, if the Company's liabilities are met, that this offer will be repeated, and possibly on more favourable terms, and I am besides at present negotiating for a charter in Hongkong on terms that I think will prove favorable. We estimate to realize by the sale of the launch, surplus furniture and stores, and a portion of unpaid calls, \$9,500; by balance of cash required to pay creditors and cost of issuing the Debentures, \$6,000; total \$15,500. Therefore what is immediately required is a sum of \$6,000, and there are 212 fully paid up shareholders, one share each of \$10 will provide all the funds necessary to make up the \$6,000, for which

the security offered is the vessel as she stands, with remaining furniture and fittings, which have cost \$6,000 for materials and labour only, and which in any event, for breaking up say, is worth two or three times the proposed debenture capital. Assuming this additional capital is raised and the charter effected, there would remain (after paying 8 per cent. on debenture capital) for distribution among the ordinary shareholders, sufficient to pay 9 per cent. per annum after providing for office expenses. The Directors were authorised by the shareholders, subject to confirmation to-day, to raise the additional capital necessary, by issuing not more than 400 debenture shares of \$30 each, redeemable by quarterly drawings at \$31 (16 per cent. bonus) with interest at not less than 8 per cent., ten shares or more to be drawn every quarter, to secure repayment of which the rent for chartering will be paid to the Company's bankers, or to trustees, the balance, after payment of interest on shares not drawn, and repayment of shares drawn, to be allotted *pro rata* among the ordinary shareholders. The proposed number of debentures has been fixed at 400 in case any unforeseen delay should occur in the sale of the launch &c. If these shares are issued, the whole of the proceeds of sale of the Company's property will be used in redeeming the debentures. It is proposed to allot these debentures in the first instance to the ordinary registered shareholders and to allot such shares as may not be taken up by them to the general public who may apply for them. The Directors collectively hold one-sixth of the Company's scrip fully paid and undertake, if necessary, to take up one-sixth of the debenture capital, leaving roughly \$6,000 to be subscribed by the general body of shareholders—212 in number. We confidently anticipate that should this scheme be carried out, some of the defaulting shareholders will voluntarily pay their calls, with interest, in which case the Directors propose, if payment is made within one month, to re-issue to these shareholders new scrip for the original shares already forfeited, and to deposit such capital with the bank to be appropriated quarterly towards paying off the debentures. It remains for me to point out that if the resolution passed at the last meeting on the basis of the foregoing proposal is not confirmed to-day by the shareholders, the only alternative would be to pass a resolution to wind up the Company; in which event there is reason to fear that, after payment of debts and costs, nothing will remain for distribution among the shareholders. With reference to the original objects of the Company, I regret to say that owing to the lateness of the season when the Company started business, the advent of bad times, and the difficulties inseparably connected with inexperienced management, as well as the very serious drawbacks of being unable to obtain suitable mornings, the earnings of the Hotel business from the 15th July to 21st October, 1890, only balanced the expenses, though on the first two months' business a considerable profit was made. The experience already gained, however, leads your Directors to believe that the results of another season would be very different, and if the scheme for raising further capital should be effected, another attempt might be made to retain the Hotel in Hongkong, should the present negotiations for chartering prove successful. To briefly summarize this statement the Company is indebted to the extent of \$15,000. To meet this it is proposed to collect, by sale of certain property and collection of calls, \$9,500; by issuing debentures \$6,000—total, \$15,500. The debentures to be issued at \$30, each redeemable at \$31 and on such other conditions as the Directors may decide upon, not more than 400 to be issued, and trustees for the debenture holders to be appointed. The security for these debentures to be the whole of the Company's property, after selling the launch and surplus furniture and stores. This is a fairly accurate statement at the present moment. The discussion must be limited to two things—the confirmation of the resolution passed at the last meeting, and should that not be passed, the passing of a resolution that the Company be wound up.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—Has there been any general meeting of shareholders under table A of the Company's Ordinance?

The Chairman—Every half-year.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—And accounts properly audited have been presented and accepted?

The Chairman—Certainly.

Mr. Skeels—And criticized?

The Chairman—Yes, every opportunity has been given for criticism.

Mr. Skeels—I beg your pardon, nothing of the kind.

The Chairman—We have posted to every shareholder copies of the accounts, and have issued notices calling meetings, but we had no quorum at the first meeting and on adjourning we had no quorum at the second.

Mr. Fraser-Smith I asked you a direct and simple question, namely—have meetings been held in accordance with the Ordinance? Unfortunately the Company has no Articles of Association and has been working under table A of the Companies' Ordinance of 1888. Have you had meetings properly called? Have you presented your accounts in accordance with the requirements of that Ordinance? Have they been adopted, or have they not? I don't ask you whether you have called meetings and no one has come. I ask you, have meetings legally been held? Have you complied with the provisions of the Ordinance?

The Chairman—I can only repeat that accounts have been printed and circulated, and meetings have been called.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—But they have not been legally held? There is a difference between calling a meeting and holding a meeting. Have the accounts been duly proposed and passed?

The Chairman—No; if that is the answer you want.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—I wish it to be understood that I am not antagonistic to the Directors in any way; I simply wish to elucidate as far as I can details of the management of what ought to have been one of the most lucrative businesses on a small scale this colony has ever known. If it had been managed with even moderate ability the Marina would now have been flourishing instead of being on the verge of bankruptcy. We are called here for the purpose of confirming a special resolution which is said to have been passed on the 29th of January. Had you a quorum on that occasion? I want an answer; yes or no?

The Chairman—Yes.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—Well—

The Chairman—Has any one any further remarks?

Mr. Fraser-Smith—Well, we want to know what we are going to do. You had a quorum at the meeting held on the 29th January; why did you not bring forward your accounts then? It is a most extraordinary thing. I am not casting any imputation. I do not say the Directors have not done their duty, or that they have not done it efficiently; but it is an extraordinary thing that a public company should be in operation for nine months and not a single statement be put before the shareholders; that the accounts should not be verified in any way, or any information as to how the concern has been worked. We have a right to that information before we say this ship shall be sent to Canton or before we allow the Chief Justice to say we are bankrupt. If that is necessary I shall support it, but I have seen no statement of accounts. I see nothing to justify

any man in adopting this resolution without a chance of going back on it. As regards sending the ship to Canton, I think it a piece of folly. The Chairman has told you, gentlemen, that if the hotel can be carried on here for another year, it has every prospect of being a paying concern. The first two months it was running it made money, and we know how it was managed—it was not managed at all. I am perfectly certain the Marina, if properly managed, would return 20 per cent. on the subscribed capital, and also be a great boon to the colony of Hongkong. Why should we throw it away? I for one will be prepared to take \$1,000 worth of debentures, but, gentlemen, don't allow your property to be thrown away. You might try twenty years and never again get a ship like that for a hotel; fact if it had not been for the good fortune of the Directors in coming across that hull you could not have done anything; you could not have built even the piers for the capital subscribed. You have a little capital at stake, and for your own sakes let us subscribe something to save it. You have value for your money, and more than value for your money in that ship and launch, and it only wants a little exertion to make it a paying concern.

The Chairman—The proposal has now been seconded by Mr. Cheung Kai!

Mr. Fraser-Smith—if this coercion of Chinese Directors continues, we shall know where it all comes in.

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BIRTH.
At Room Road, Shanghai, on the 19th Feb., 1891, the wife of Rev. F. L. HAWKES FOOTE, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Xavier's Church, Zi-ka-wai, (Shanghai), on the 21st February, 1891, by the Rev. Father Terrien, CONRAD ANTONIO, son of P. J. Tavares, to JOSEPHINE MARIE LOW.

DEATHS.

At No. 239, Bluff, Yokohama, on February 9th, JAMES MARTIN, in his 81st year.
At Shanghai, on the 19th instant, of apoplexy, JOSE NORONHA, aged 36 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1891.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. surveying-vessel *Rambler* sailed for Singapore on the 19th inst.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN writes to us from New York. "The Citizen" is still "booming".

ADMIRAL RICHARDS, the new naval commander-in-chief on the China station, will visit Batavia before coming to Hongkong.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Feb. 19th, are:—Europeans 99, and Chinese 7,155; total 7,254.

No cases at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court, yesterday morning, the alleged *Namao* pirates being sent back to the Magistracy owing to insufficient evidence.

It is reported that before Mr. F. T. Pigott's departure for England from Japan a third-class decoration was offered to him by the Japanese Government and refused.

THE gross earnings of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s establishments for the six months ended the 20th December last, totalled the princely sum of \$500,278.45.

THE barge *Loch Renza*, from New York to Bangkok, was passed, whilst at anchor, in the south part of Banks Straits on the 7th inst., and desired to be reported all well.

SHOULD Mr. Hannan accept the post of Chief Justice and Consul-General in Shanghai—and that he will do so is almost a certainty—he will be succeeded as judge of the British Court at Yokohama by Mr. R. A. Mowat.

THE annual meeting of members of the Shanghai Race Club was held on the 19th inst. at the Shanghai Club, under the presidency of Mr. A. McLeod. The accouts were passed, and the Stewards and Ballotting Committee elected.

"Two dozen 'blows' and six months' hard" was the magisterial antidote prescribed by Mr. Wise for a rakish-looking ear-ring anarchist who graced the proceedings in the Police Court on the 17th inst. Will the Governor kindly note!

MR. O. N. DENNY, well-known as consul-general for the United States at Shanghai and as Advisor to the King of Korea, arrived here on the 12th inst. from Shanghai by the German mail-steamer *Bayern*. Mr. Denny is booked through to Port Said.

THE N. C. Daily News of the 12th inst. says:—"No information has been received at Shanghai with regard to the establishment of a Russian Consulate-General at this port. Mr. Reding, the Russian Consul, is expected to return next month, and Count Cassini, the new Russian Minister to Peking, will also arrive shortly."

On the afternoon of the 12th inst., as the steamer *Cass* was going alongside the China Merchants' Co.'s wharf at Shanghai, she ran right into the head of the Old Dock, cutting through the four-inch planking at the head of the dock and running several feet into the soil at the back. The steamer was slightly damaged; the Old Dock is all right and returns thanks for kind inquiries. The little bill against the China Merchants will be an after consideration.

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary informs us that Mr. David Levy, of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., brother of Mrs. Edward Sassoon, lately of Shanghai, died on Monday night, February 9th, from an overdose of opium. He was found in an unconscious condition and although every effort was made during the day to restore him, it was of no avail. No inquest was held, the deceased being under Austrian protection, and the funeral took place at the Jewish Cemetery on the afternoon of the 10th instant.

THE *Bun Hin* line steamer *Cheng Hye Tung*, after undergoing a complete overhaul at the Hungnam Dock, including new boilers, went on her trial trip on the afternoon of the 17th inst., with a large number of Chinese guests of the owners on board, as well as Mr. Mackie, superintending engineer of the Company, and the local Marine Surveyor. The trial was highly satisfactory in every way, the vessel running a fraction over eleven knots over the measured mile. The *Cheng Hye Tung* is, we understand, the third vessel of the *Bun Hin* line which has been refitted here during the past eighteen months, owing to some difficulty having arisen between the New Harbour Dock Company and the managers of the line in the Straits. "Where some loss others gain," and in this instance Singapore's loss of the patronage of the *Bun Hin* Company has resulted in a gain to the enterprising local Dock Company of \$150,000 or thereabouts.

THE Ichang correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes on January 31st:—"It is a pleasure on returning to Ichang to find what admirable premises the Church of Scotland has at last obtained for itself, Chapel School, Dispensary, and Hospital, all approached by one of those ornamental Chinese gateways habitual in Ichang City, all of irreproachable cleanliness, and apparently solid construction. This mission has also been strengthened by the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Deans and Dr. Pirie, in place of Mr. Dowley, who has left the mission, and given up his claim to a pension in consideration of receiving £150 a year for four years. The Church of Scotland Mission has evidently considered it was at liberty to make with Mr. Dowley. The report here is that he is now applying for an engagement by the Canadian Episcopal Church.

The American Episcopal Missionary Society has fine Chinese premises in the city, and is building a substantial house outside. Franciscan Sisters are established in one of the two very large Roman Catholic buildings; so that, altogether, all the machinery for converting the Chinese appears to be at hand. But it would be strange if very great progress were made among a people with such a capacity for doing nothing as those of Ichang. The first snow of the season fell yesterday & looks well upon the mountains."

MADAME PATEY sang to crowded houses in Shanghai. True art will draw, even in the Far East.

A SURVEY of the neighbourhood of the Gap Rock has been made by the officers of H.M.S. *Rambler*, who report "that there is no danger to general navigation further off than 450 feet from the Rock."

THE Nagasaki *Rising Sun* here that the stranded steamer *Tokyo Maru* has been moved another eight feet, and that it is now apparently safe; but a question of time as to when she will go afloat, although the vessel will, no doubt, be considerably strained.

A COMPETITION for the Long Range Handicap Challenge Cup of the H.K.R.A. was held under the rules of the H.K.R.A. on Saturday last. A strong wind was blowing across the range, and the shooting in consequence was anything but good. Mr. C. Ford won the Cup with a score of 58 points and also carried off the 90 yards "spur" Mr. A. Watson winning that of the 80 yards. Ten members competed.

IN the Straits *Independent* libel case at Penang, the jury, though kept for many hours without food, failed to agree, upon which the judge ordered a new trial. The new trial was fixed to take place on the 19th instant. Had this case been tried in Hongkong the hapless editor would have been convicted by an "oddman" majority in a jury of seven, the "oddman" being a foreigner who didn't know what legal meant.

THE N. Y. K. steamer *Yamashiro Maru*, will leave Yokohama on February 21st, for Honolulu with 1,600 emigrants. The *Omni* will follow about March 15th, with an equal number, and the *Yamashiro* will make another voyage about the 10th April. The emigrants are, says the *Japan Herald*, in about equal portions, from the *ken* of Kumamoto, Yamaguchi and Hiroshima. As the steamers will each remain in Honolulu for some four or five days, there is at present a good opportunity for persons to pay a visit to the Hawaiian kingdom.

THERE were 439 deaths recorded in Hongkong during the month of January. Of that number 21 belonged to the British and foreign communities. Lung disease accounted for 210, tritomus 40, fever 85, dysentery 14, beriberi 7, infantile convulsions 10, bronchitis 25, diarrhoea 10, and atrophy (nemiasis) 23. It is, of course, nobody's "fault," but a more complete system of medical supervision than now exists would save thousands of lives annually. It would cost a good deal of money, and perhaps the game wouldn't be worth the candle! Chinese lives are so cheap in Hongkong.

THE funeral of H.H. Prince Fushimi Sojun took place on the 21st ultimo in Kyoto. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of distinguished persons, consisting of representatives of their Imperial Highnesses Prince Yamashina, Akihi, Kuni, Ashikaga, Komatsu, Akishi, and Kishimakawa Yutihiko, superintendents of Shinto and Buddhist sects, peers, and several officials of the City Office. The coffin was escorted by an Infantry battalion. The interment took place in the Cemetery at the Nanzenji Temple, the ceremony being conducted in accordance with Buddhist rites.

ANOTHER crusher for the rank and file of the Hongkong Police. It is notified in Saturday's *Government Gazette* that "any subordinate officer detained in hospital, or absent from duty, otherwise than for injuries received in duty, for a period of more than thirty days in one year, will for each day's detention or absence after that period be allowed half-pay only, without further hospital stoppages." If this regulation affected all ranks of the Service we could understand it, but as it only affects the "subordinate officer," it can only be fairly regarded as another and baser example of that class legislation which has for years made this colony notorious.

THE Singapore *Roll Press* of the 7th inst. bears the result of the notorious *Pasip* case will be found elsewhere in this issue. It is hardly necessary to say that the jury, unanimously decided in favor of the plaintiffs without the least hesitation. More disgraceful disclosures have recently been made at my public trial in this colony. The community, of course, will have to pay the piper—unless Governor des Vœux takes the necessary action to compel the Secretary of the Steamboat Co. to vindicate themselves from the grave charge made against them in the finding of the jury, or to pay the cost of these expensive proceedings. Mr. Jno. J. Francis, Q.C., appeared in Court to witness the case on behalf of the Steamboat Company; we believe we are correct in stating that he likewise holds a special retainer from Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. Those who run my ret, etc. Will Mr. Francis, who claims to be a public man, obligingly dis-fine, *pro bono publico*, what legally constitutes conspiracy in a cove where personal interests are prejudiced by complaints that, to use the language of the special jury, were unjustifiable and without any foundation whatever? We shall deal editorially with this scandalous attempt "bycote" the *Pasip* in the course of a few days; meanwhile we trust that the Governor will do his very clear duty, on the jury's finding, without waiting for outside influences.

THE Shanghai *Mercury*'s Hankow correspondent writes under date of the 7th instant:—"This morning about half-past ten a fire broke out at a tea-box factory, facing the British Concession, which for a time threatened to destroy a great deal of property. The building adjoins on one side the compound of the London Mission Hospital, which building for nearly two hours, was in very great danger. The native fire engines mustered in considerable force, and, together with the Municipal Council's engines, played valiantly on the burning buildings and on the adjacent houses that were in danger. Happily the fire was at last brought under, but not till the whole of the large house in which it had originated had been gutted, and all the tea-boxes and wood stored there had been either burnt entirely, or at least enough to make them valueless. A Canton carpenter's shop, on the side away from the hospital compound, was in part pulled down to prevent the fire from spreading, but neither the shop itself nor the timber in the yard was burnt. Had the hospital caught fire it is difficult to say where the fire would have stopped, as other buildings close at hand would almost certainly have ignited also, and the flames might easily have spread from them to other tea-box manufacturers in the immediate neighbourhood and have caused a conflagration similar to the one that took place four years ago, when many acres were cleared by a fire on the back road of the Concession.

THE Dock Company's half-yearly report will be found in another column. We could very easily—and perhaps, although it is scarcely likely, we may feel inclined later to abandon our present attitude of allowing the grateful shareholders of local public companies to fight their own battles, where we have no direct personal interest involved—criticise adversely various items in this statement; but the game isn't good enough. Still, there is one item in this Report to which we are bound to direct public attention, namely, the statement that a sum of \$10,000 has been set aside as a bonus for "contributing" shareholders. We trust the Directors will, of their own accord, expunge this most objectionable item from a report that is in all other respects most satisfactory.

A SHOOTING match, the Garrison Shooting Club vs. the Sergeants of the 1st Battalion A. S. & S. Highlanders, came off on Saturday last at the fire range, and after a very interesting competition was won by the Shooting Club by 29 points. The following are the scores:—

Mr. A. & S. H. TEAM.

100 yards, 600 yards, yards, Total.

Capts. Kennedy 50 50 50 150

Genl. Board 50 50 50 150

Capt. Goss 50 50 50 150

Sgt. Martin 50 50 50 150

Sgt. Goss 50 50 50 150

Capt. Clark 50 50 50 150

Capt. Hunt 50 50 50 150

Sgt. Cochran 50 50 50 150

Average 50 50 50 150

G. S. CLUB TEAM.

100 yards, 600 yards, yards, Total.

Capts. Gibbons 50 50 50 150

E. B. M. 50 50 50 150

Capt. Carter 50 50 50 150

Capt. Adams 50 50 50 150

Capt. Goss 50 50 50 150

Capt. Williams 50 50 50 150

Capt. Haynes 50 50 50 150

Average 50 50 50 150

The Directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 7 per cent., or \$100,375, be paid to the shareholders, and a bonus of \$10,000 to contributing shareholders; that \$75,000 be written off from the value of the New Dock Kowloon, \$21,000 from the Cosmopolitan Dock, \$15,000 from the Aberdeen Dock, \$1,000 from Steam Launches, \$1,000 from the *Pilot Fish*, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account, \$26,305.35 and from this have to be deducted—

Directors' fees \$4,000.00

Auditor's fees 400.00

4,000.00

leaving available for appropriation, \$257,995.20

THE French armoured cruiser *Duguay de Lorme*, which is to replace the *Triomphant* as flagship on the Asiatic Station, is said to be capable of attaining 20 knots per hour, which is three knots better than the *Impérial* can do, and at least two more than the Russian flagship, *Admiral Korniloff*, has yet been known to run under "full blast." *Despatch*: Let the British Board of Admiralty take note. Let not the name of the "mistress of the seas" be taken in vain or be brought into ridicule.

THE letter from the Committee of the Engineers and Shipbuilders' Institution of Hongkong reached us too late. Mr. Boyd's paper, read by the *Advertiser* last night, was already in type, and we really cannot see that the fact that it is to be circulated amongst members for further discussion, is any sensible reason why it should be withheld from publication. We publish Mr. Boyd's views *en extenso*, in another part of this issue. If the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders object to its proceedings being published, we shall simply ignore any further inviations they may send us to be represented at their special functions.

and the balance \$3,60.30 carried forward to new account.

For some time a difficulty has been experienced in finding dock accommodation for small vessels at Kowloon. With a view to meet this demand the Directors have decided to lay down the "McDonald" slip, and the cost of doing so will be about \$35,000.

The health of the European staff at Aberdeen has been very unsatisfactory for some years, and so far as can be ascertained, the Insalubrity site on which the dwelling house is built has been the cause. Your Directors have therefore deemed it advisable to erect a new bungalow on a more open and healthy situation. This work is nearly completed, and the cost, including the new sea wall, will be \$7,500.

DIRECTORS

In accordance with clause 60 of the Articles of Association, Messrs. L. Prenecker and F. Dowdell retire by rotation, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. E. L. Woodin has been appointed Chairman for the current year.

AUDITORS

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Arnold and Fred. T. P. Foster. The Directors recommend these gentlemen for re-election.

W. H. FORBES
Chairman.

JULY TO DECEMBER, 1890.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

ASSETS.

Aberdeen.

To Value of Aberdeen Docks, as per last statement \$150,000.00

Amount expended on New Bungalow and Sea Wall during last six months 3,825.50

July to December, 1890.

Kowloon.

To Value of Kowloon Docks, as per last statement 646,479.75

Amount expended on New Sea Wall 292.00

Extension to Moulding Shop 457.34

Amount expended on New Veranda and Drainage to Dwelling Houses 2,235.07

New Dock.

To Value of New Dock, as per last statement 678,824.76

Less amount written off last six months 50,000.00

THE SHANGHAI RACE COURSE.

Dr.	Tls.
To Dividend paid the Shanghai Race Club.....	485.96
" Amount carried to Fix'd Deposit Account	350.40
" Balance	535.51
	Tls. 1,371.34

Credit.

1st January, 1891.	Tls.
By Balance	830.44
31st December, 1890.	
By Rent	52.00
" Interest	12.00
	Tls. 1,371.34

1st January, 1891.

By Balance at Bank

535.18

BARNES DALLAS,
Hon. Secy. Shanghai Race Course.

Shanghai, 26th January, 1891.

Audited with Bank Book and Fixed Deposit Account, and found correct;

(Signed) W. H. SHORT.

FRANK REID.

-N. C. Daily News."

KOREA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SOUTH, January 21st.

Judge O. N. Denby, Adviser to the King, Vice-President of the Home Office, etc., etc., is out of Korea at last, and the people of this country may be congratulated on his departure, for beyond getting up a "lift" with Han Se Kai, the Chinese Resident; writing a so-called pamphlet entitled "China and Korea," in which he styled China's indefatigable representative "a smuggler, liar and political outlaw"; taking a leading part in the despatch of an abortive embassy to the United States of America, over which the Koreans, irrespective of squandering a lot of money, gained nothing towards the acquisition of autonomy which it was sought to accomplish by the mission; attempting to float a loan for Korea which ended in a lamentable fiasco, and causing the nation a lot of needless expenditure—it is difficult to discover what has been accomplished for the Land of Morning Calm by the astute American who for the past three years has to a certain extent swayed the destinies of this little, though important peninsula. Denby has gone and Korea is just as much a bone of contention as before, just as poverty-stricken, just as ridiculous in the eyes of the world, just as corrupt, the people just as much down-trodden by despotic and unprincipled officials, the so-called gentry—and last but not least, Korea is as great a danger to those Powers who have important political and commercial interests at stake in the Far East as ever, before, perhaps even more so.

In the course of a few days I will forward letters to you written in Mr. Denby's own handwriting in which the learned Judge says:—

"When I left Seoul (or China) it was understood I was to stay long enough to permit a change of China's Representative. So this I must do or stay until convinced that good faith is not what is aimed at; when I shall promptly return and fight it out on the old lines. If it takes me years to do it"—and probably never intended to either. In another of his *billet doux* (addressed to General Dye, the military instructor) the Judge makes the following interesting statement which throws some light on America's policy generally. He says:—"Our Government, supported by Russia, Japan and France, will surely support Korea in this effort (the east China) just as she supports Samoa in her effort for independent government; for the guarantee by the United States is just as strong in the one treaty as in the other, while the one country is about as near to the United States as the other, with this difference in favour of Korea; that while Samoa is inhabited by a few thousand of black-clad inhabitants, barbarous and uncivilized, the Korean number ten or twelve millions of educated and civilized people—which should, and will, stand for a good deal before Christian nations." So tell the General (i.e. Han Ki Sul, a Korean) to keep up his good cheer, for as his country is right in the bound to succeed in the end." I have not attempted to correct the punctuation in the Judge's epistles.

General Le Gendre, Vice-President of the Home Office, and Mr. C. R. Greathouse, late U.S. Consul-General at Yokohama, the new Foreign Adviser to the Korean Government, both Americans, are stonied the good folks of this city by giving a big "spread" to a number of Germans on the 15th inst., the occasion being the birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Germany. Seeing that the young Emperor did not make his *abut* in this world of woes until the 27th of January, the "well informed" are naturally a little tickled by this, doubling of the eventful day when Kaiser Wilhelm II. made his appearance on earth. Talking of Mr. Schoneck's reminds me that a foreigner here is prosecuting him for libel, while another gentleman is going for him in the court of civil procedure. Later on I'll send down a *resume* of the proceedings to you, with every comfort will be provided for visitors, with excellent cuisine and choice wines.

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several winter runs—more like the winters of the olden time, according to the remembrance of the "older inhabitants." This dust is supposed to have a sanitary value, as well as the cold, in hiding the atmosphere of disease germs, and while unpleasant in itself, may yet be welcomed in this light, after the unhealthy autumns and early winter just past. The cold has not been severe enough to close the river except in places favorably located as regards wind and current. No snow has yet fallen here, but farther inland it has fallen to the depth of about two inches. The Chinese are hoping this place may yet be favored.

The Relief Committee, adhering to the method of distribution long ago made public, has distributed over Tls. 5,000. As a result, those in charge of the distribution have been flooded with petitions for relief from many other villages than those assigned to them and besieged by deputations of women and children as well from villages five or six miles distant, representing the destitute condition of their homes. A few of these more distant villages, lying far out in the ice have been visited, and there appears to be a greater degree of distress there than in the villages already assisted by foreign funds. It is hoped that some of these may also be relieved. But the funds at the disposal of the Committee are wholly inadequate to moderate a tithe of the suffering which these expeditions reveal to the explorers. The very poor in these distressed villages have no fuel to warm their houses, and with difficulty can get enough to cook their food, which for the most part consists of chaff and weed seeds with barely enough flour from the coarsest grains to make them adhere when made into cakes for baking. Their clothing is tattered, and wholly insufficient to keep them warm in the moderate weather of the autumn, much less now that these piercing winds are sweeping across these vast fields of ice. The distress in some quarters is appalling, and it is a startling and painful fact that while large appropriations of both money and grain have been made by the Chinese Government for the relief of these sufferers—enough, it is believed, to have prevented all intense suffering and starvation—very little indeed is being done for them. The poor for whom these appropriations were made are suffering and dying, while those who should administer these grants are fattening upon their misery. Apparently there is no remedy for this terrible state of things.

The foreign Committee is hoping still to receive sums to aid it in its life-saving work.—*N. C. Daily News.*

January 24th.

The mails continue to arrive with great regularity by the Custom couriers. The French mail of the 20th November was delivered, partly on the 20th January and partly on the 23rd.

The river is frozen over to a depth of 7 in., there being along its whole length open spaces. Opposite the Settlement there is no ice yet, the ferrymen, in order to preserve their vocation, breaking the ice up as soon as the river freezes.

A transit instrument has, we observe, been set up in a modest little observatory in Victoria Park. We shall soon therefore know definitely the longitude of Tientsin, for which purpose the instrument will be connected by telegraph with Shanghai, and the observations thereby checked.

The gales and dust storms have continued with little interruption, all this month. The oldest inhabitant scarcely remembers the like of it. The atmosphere has been at times so darkened that artificial light has been necessary in the middle of the day. The quantity of fine yellow dust that has been deposited during the last two weeks is enough to remove all difficulties in accepting the actual origin of the locust. —*Chinese Times.*

Banks.

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TIENTSIIN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

January 21st, 1891.

As I write a small hurricane is blowing outside, and the dust completely obscures the sun. It is an old-established dust storm—implacable and from a distance, not local. We have had several such storms lately, though none quite as severe as the one now blowing, and which looks as though it might, as on some former occasions, darken the sky to such an extent that it will be necessary to light lamps. The winter was late in coming, but since it is really closed in upon us the cold has been quite steady, though not severe. There has been more of wind and dust than we

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